

MPF Average Disparity Index

3rd Quarter 2023



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What is MPF Average Disparity Index?

MPF Average Disparity Index (the “Index”) is the average return difference in percentage between the top performing fund and the bottom performing fund of each of the following 18 categories (as shown in the diagram below) in last quarter. The larger the index value, the bigger the average return difference between the top performing fund and the bottom performing fund of each category.

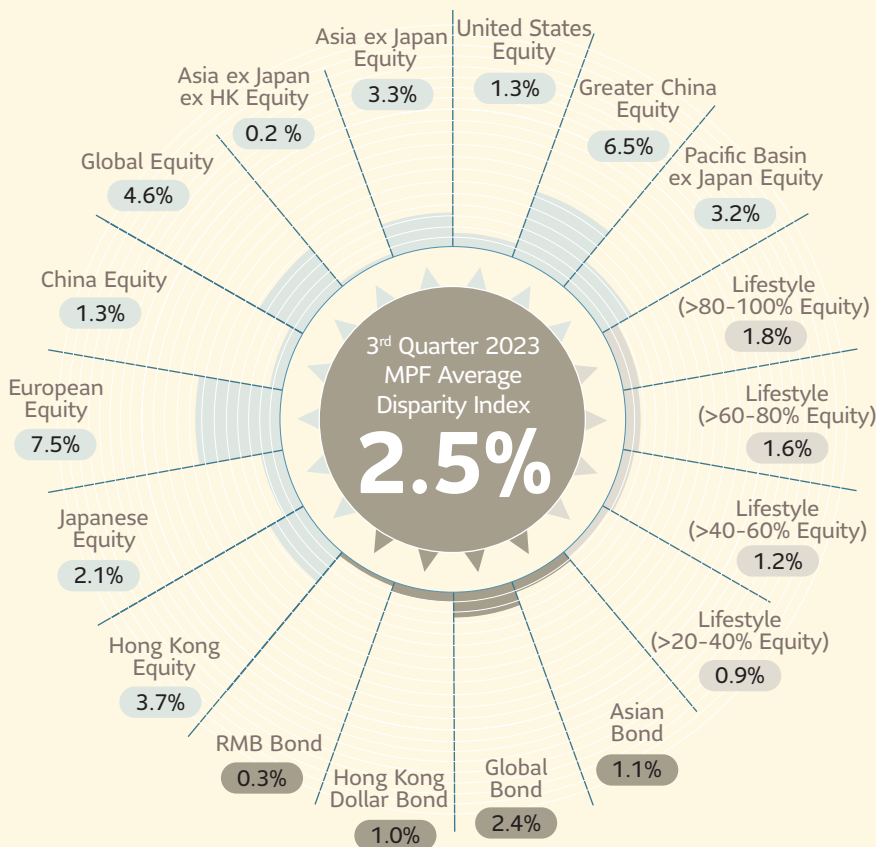
In addition, with the following 18 MPF Disparity Sub-indices by fund category, you can understand the return difference between the top performing fund and the bottom performing fund of individual categories. This information enables you to compare with the MPF fund(s) you have chosen and reference.



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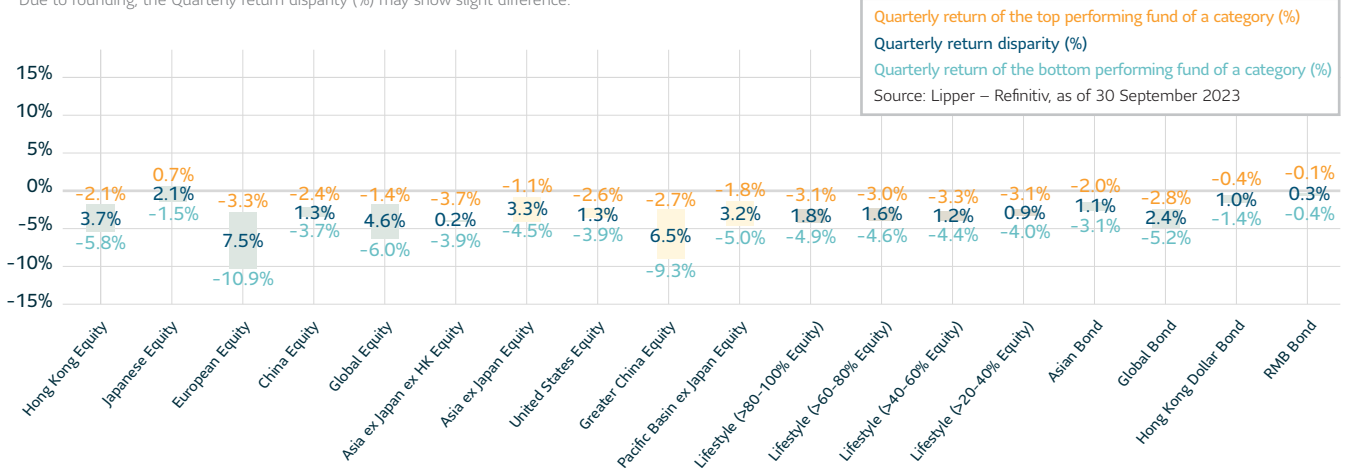
- Sun Life MPF Average Disparity Index was 2.5% in the third quarter of 2023, retreating from 2.9% and 2.6% in the first and second quarter. The index hit a five-year low. Performance disparity of European Equity was the highest among all equity sub-indices, registering 7.5%. European stock markets recorded a decent rebound in the first half of the year, but forward-looking data showed that momentum of European economy was weakening, triggering corrections in the third quarter. UK stock markets underperformed in the first half of the year. Selling pressure was relatively lower. UK stocks thus outperformed other European markets during the quarter. Variation in UK exposure between different managers contributed to wide returns disparity. On the other hand, return disparity of US Equity fund narrowed significantly in the third quarter. Technology stocks that performed well in the first half of the year decreased slightly in the third quarter. Overall speaking, performance of different sectors did not have much variation, except for the outstanding performance of energy sector.
- As for bond funds, performance disparity of Global Bond funds widened from 1.0% in the previous quarter to 2.4% in the third quarter. Inflation pressure weakened in a pace slower than expected and markets expected “Higher for Longer” interest rate cycle. US treasury yields thus jumped during the quarter. Fund managers who increased exposure in longer-duration bonds might need to re-position portfolios.

MPF Disparity Sub-indices* by fund category^ (displayed in percentage)



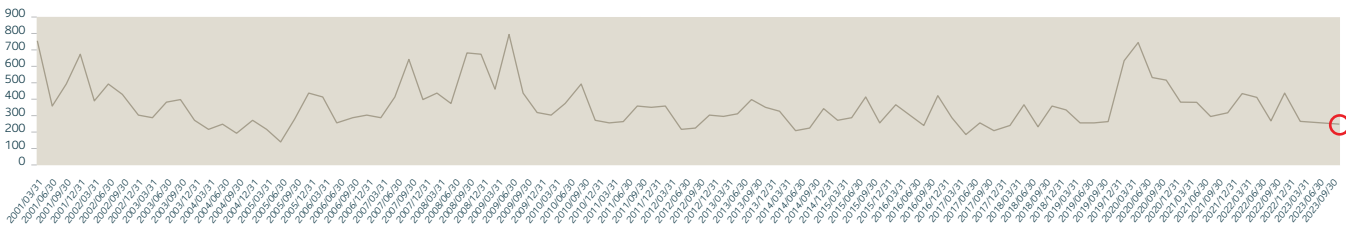
Top Performing Fund and Bottom Performing Fund of Each Category for 3rd Quarter 2023

Due to rounding, the Quarterly return disparity (%) may show slight difference.



Historical values of MPF Average Disparity Index

Source: Sun Life Asset Management (HK) Limited, as of 30 September 2023



How is the MPF Average Disparity Index Compiled?

► Performance Disparity	=	Return difference between the top performing fund and the bottom performing fund
► Quarter Return	=	$(\text{Price end of this quarter}) / (\text{Price end of last quarter}) - 1$
► *MPF Disparity Sub-Index of a category	=	$\text{Quarterly return of the top performing fund of a category} - \text{Quarterly return of the bottom performing fund of a category}$
► MPF Average Disparity Index	=	$\text{Average net-of-fee return of the top performing MPF fund of each of 18 fund categories per quarter} - \text{Average net-of-fee return of the bottom performing MPF fund of each of 18 fund categories per quarter}$
► Data Source	=	Lipper – Refinitiv, as of 30 September 2023
► Data Cut Off	=	5 th business day after quarter – end
► ^Data Coverage	=	“Lipper Classification Schemes: Hong Kong Pensions Funds”(as at 30 September 2023), has included 18 categories ⁻ , cover 3 main asset classes: Equity, Bond and Mixed Assets
► Assumption	=	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The index values are based on fund classification under “Lipper Classification Schemes: Hong Kong Pension Funds” including 18 categories⁻ as of 30 September 2023All fund performance is net of fund management fees
► Measurement Period	=	Every calendar quarter
► Rounding of Index Value	=	Round off to one decimal place

⁻ Asia ex Japan Equity, Asia ex Japan ex HK Equity, China Equity, European Equity, Global Equity, Greater China Equity, Hong Kong Equity, Japanese Equity, Pacific Basin ex Japan Equity, United States Equity, Lifestyle (20-40% Equity), Lifestyle (40-60% Equity), Lifestyle (60-80% Equity), Lifestyle (80-100% Equity), Asian Bond, Global Bond, Hong Kong Dollar Bond and RMB Bond are included. And Default Investment Strategy (Age 65 Plus Fund), Default Investment Strategy (Core Accumulation Fund), Guaranteed Fund, Hong Kong Dollar Money Market, Hong Kong Equity (Index Tracking), MPF Conservative Fund, Other Fund, RMB and HKD Money Market are excluded.

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